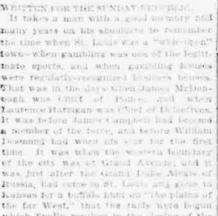
## WHEN ST. LOUIS WAS A "WIDE-OPEN" TOWN.

Gambling Was Conducted on a Sumptuous Scale Until Persistent Police Raids Caused the Palatial Resorts to Close.





was at this time beginning to make the reputation which finally landed him at the served in the department for adventer years, and then restmed. He is now in th avenues, but he has not furgotten the day when he was a detective. And neither ha he forgotten to make this prayer, that who he dies he may be close to "Larry" Har rigan, his old chief and friend.

The time when St. Louis was a wide open town is too far back for you prung fellows to remember," said Mr. Watkins, to a Sunday Republic man the other evening. But we used to have some lively times it those days in the carry Con, when all the great men were flying, and the steambout business was in its giory. The biggest part of St. Louis was still close to the lever, and the Chestnut street station was the greatest police station in the city. There were not so many policemen in town then, but the town was not so large, and not us musty men were needed to cover it.

There were royal gamblers in these days, and royal gambling bonnes. The stakes were high, and the play was heavy. Aff course, there were committe poker games, but they were not the hig tilings. Fare thirteen keno games in the district, between Elm street and Washington avenue and Third street and Seventh affect. And tome of the houses were palaces-litted up samptuously, and with all the elegancy that one could possibly look for. There Were Brussels carpets, and silverware, and fine pld chairs, and righty-curved tables, and all that thing; and then the dinner kanquets, and everyond who visited the froms was welcome to gut and Grink and

much and as often as he wished. der went forth that these plants were to be excapas I do not remember them. closed. Tom Smith and I were paraners on

that unless they closed up in five days, they to close them up. But, nevertheless, some of

frict were pipell erders to but under our nu meeter had we got outside of the doors but they were not the big things. Fare there was another game in progress and was just gathering in the many and kene were the things; and my but the in another roun. When we found this out, some \$5 or \$0 when there came the awful

games that were played! At one time, early we began to go back; and ane night, we to 1872, when we began to rate the houses, I put thatteen visits to Bob Pate's place at to. 12 North Fourth street, broke up thir- ing in to make the arests. on reparate games, and took away thir-

in to get hiso the places, and then we had to remore to all matte of tricks. I would they used to serve. They were not the free I lower smith to a window from the roof, by Lociers, and down through skylights and country, was not at such work, and thenier has been open to make a killing before the doors were open. The old days were not so but. I do not broken open. "it was about February, 1863, that the or- were rolling. But if we had any handreadth broken open.

the detective force then, and "Larry" Har- work to put a sing to the wide-upen run- result of these raids, the games were not open than there is now. The men who som- money plentful, right of the cetives. There was sing of fare and kene houses. We aid not altogether broken up until name alt resiled the fare houses were pretty good. "Not only has the game died out, and the man for you! his could look a man pay my attention to the point games, of later, when Governor Charles P. Johnson, Tollows. They made manny rapidly, and nearly an incoming an incoming at the instance of a number of people who they spent it like lords. I remember once the last time, but the houses, too, have disbest man at 'sweating' a prisoner that ever ware directed toward the closure of the wanted to put a complete stop to that closure. That I had economic to take up a subscription of the went to Jafferson City, and secured the putchief of police.

The first thing done was to write letters to the man who can the places, telling them affect, two places at No. 24 North Fourth kend house a felony. From to that it was a houseanth workingmen were not allowed. street, one at No. 12 South Fourth street. would be raided. Well, they took the notice No. 427 come afrect, Nos. 167 and 325 North as a joke; they had been running so long. Fifth street, count was before Fifth street.

ting times done will be the parameters will be producing their regular fragments with new The places. The places that I may be produced and their regular fragments with new The places. The places that I may be produced and their regular fragments with new The places. The places that I may be produced and their regular fragments with new The places that I may be produced and their regular fragments with new The places that I may be produced and their regular fragments with new The places that I may be placed and the places that I may be placed and their regular fragments with new The places that I may be placed and the places of them and their regular fragments with new The places that I may be placed and the places of them an

"Promptly at the expiration of the five though some were keno places, days' grace. Smith mad I were ordered to "It was a practice during one part of the begin the radius. The puller of the distribution of the day radius and nothing that would begin the radius period to send men into the various." Planters' Hotel, back in the fifties, or durrelding period to send men into the yanders houses with some money and orders the the war. I do not have result the exact as impossible for a third to heap away from the stage and had read of in dime to get into the game and play long time.) Provide was a high-toned Southern keno when he got a little money as it was on the stage and had read of in dime enough to identify some of the night continue. He extensioned his guests for a countrymen to do so. (Oh, how novels. newton, and to make acress we should to get into the game and play long ted there to make. In some of the houses enough to identify some of the men we bud no treatile at all, we just had to who were actually taking just in the walk in tell the players they were under game. On one occusion I was detailed to this kind of duty at Smith's keny house, at as we could take by hand. We given know No. 24 South Fourth street. A paid (westly it at first, but we found out afterward that five cents for a keno timet, and went to | work, in fifteen minutes I had Secreed! some \$55 or \$10-when there came the awfulest crash at the front, back and side doors that I ever heard. It was the police brank

"In the excitement of winning the put con different kenn nets. I believe this was gathering it in and keeping my feet in the the regulest number of rains we over made | mad rush of the limites for some way h on any one place in any one night, but it which to escape from the police, I maget was nothing rare for us to make from three everybody in the game except our man-Harrigan took me to task about my layer What sometimes it was not so easy for of memory, but I made a clean breast of P. and he laughed after he had scoided sue enough. I kept the money I had went that was one of the perquisities of the detail. lanches that one finds these days, they were means of a rope, and he would do the same And R was a remarkable fact that where by see, we would climb up to windows on ever a green policeman, just from the fire that burned it, and since that time the "I do not now recall that there were any country, was not at such work, he was noted theater has been known as the Grand

"It tank is three works of solid, hard forced to stay pretty well under cover as a when gambling houses were running wide committed. And they certainly did make man with a big "jug" came tacking his ing he had made. have gradually died out.

that they did not think enjour would fry came to be known as Brondway, old No. recall were George Phagley, Robert Mc. lors or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time of time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew times a mouth was not live a time or so a rew time

WHEN HE HAD MADE SURE THAT HE HAD SEEN ENOUGH TO ENABLE HIM TO GIVE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE PLAYERS, HE SUDDENLY BROUGHT

THE MUZZLES OF BOTH REVOLVERS DOWN UPON THE WINDOW PANES.

rens of St. Louis. Lett Wakefield was an-tives Desmond has it in his office now. It that the detectives had that are worth re-other of the heal-known men in the gam-was a hoge augur knife, which had a blade lating, especially as Watkins, when asked the place at No. 119 South Fourth street. diameter could be beted through the panel ber something of t After the gambling game had been of a door. It was used to make an opening amount to much." cal business. He bought the old Varieties arm and unlock the door from the inside. theaters in the country. Then came the much he won.

royalty, and it was never recorded that he countrymen used to awarm about the gave arrows who played at his place the places? On one occasion we raided the tectives of the present day," he said. "We worst of it—except in a legitimate way, place at old No. 100 Lamest afreet. This had some hard work; but as for thrilling Parte ran one of the finest kene houses that | was a motorfolds place, it was sun by experiences, I do not remember any of Was ever run in the country. His place, at Strangers, and was so chosp and better them."
No. 12 North Fourth street, was a poloce. Some a joint that we made the fallows get. Ronnette was also a noted gambler of the out of town. On the occasion of the raid ories for the exciting features of the work ligher class. He had a place on Fourth I meak of, we found a let of burgiars' tools, that Detectives Watkles and Smith did in stread, that was much frequented by strams among which was the most curious knife those raids than Watkins will confess to. I but men, and the best claus of the old cuts. I have ever seen. I think thief of Dates. These men tell of at least too experiences bling profession of the old days. He ran so constructed that a hole six inches in about them, admitted that he "did remem-the place at No. 119 South Fourth street." diameter could be hered through the panel ber something of that kind, but it did not

> murders in those gembling houses of the old days. They were conducted fairly, and while there were fights now and then, and

only a misdemeanor. Since then the games were for the men who had plens great nercantile establishments, until there fy of money, and the man who looked like are hardly enough of them left to serve as "Among the famous old namblers that I he could not afford to lose a hundred dol- landmarks for those of us who now and

During the recital of this story, Mr. Watour work on the nights of Pebruary 7 and fare game as I ever heard of. O'lliennis centil.

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"Our work was about like that of the de- still congratulating themselves upon this

Other men, however, lave better mem-

Broken up, Wakefuld went into the drive through which the tillef could meet his on one occasion the two men had decarded two large revolvers.

real business. He bought the old Varieties arm and unlock the door from the inside. theater after Bon Bellar get enough of it, Those kene games were merciless things. at No. 214 North Fourth street. Foster was | ly in front of the window, he gave Smith emodel if it is a most sumptions manner, The dealer took out fifteen per cent from one of the "wise ones," and when the no- a signal and he was held there. He spent had his partrait painted in the ceiling, and every pot; so it was as certain as fare that tice was issued that the gambling places some time in watching the game through made it one of the most handsomely my. If a man played long enough, the dealer were to be raided, he was one of those who a place where the frosting had been scraped were to be railed, he was one of those who a place where the frosting had been scraped pointed, as well as one of the hest-known, would get all his money, no matter how get keys for ell his regular patrons, and from the window; when he had made sure

wax closes a preserve far.
Smith nd Watkins were standing near the denly brought the muzzles of both revolvers could get in. They tried all their keys, but tered with an awful crash, and Watkins "While the fare and kene players were believe that there was any more crime semestimes some sheeting, no murders were more of them would fit. Presently a little poked the big weapons through the open-

way along. "Surrender" he shot "Heilo, fellows," he said, "why don't you first man that moves."

"Left it in my other clothes." said Smith.

"Can't get in," said Smith.

"Where's your key?" asked the stranger, turning to Watkins.

"I've been using my friend's key," he answered. "That's hell?" said the strauger. "But we

Lo Locust street, (new about Pourth and O'Blennis, Dick Roach, Henry Perritt, permitted to get into the game. The kenry I be the game of the cold than the game of the cold from the col

a stairs the detectives were intercepted the negro lookout, but they "fixed" him efore he could give the alarm. They had ot made any noise, and the men at the dus and Smith should never raid his place that he meant what he said, and that at all ras quite an expert, on the side hair in which he sat. Watkins and Smith sent into that room with only a vague idea s to what would happen before they got ut or were carried out.

The first the players knew that there were policemen in the room was when Watkins giided up to the side of the dealer's chair and grabbed the revolver, while smith glided up to a chair in front of the table and seized a heavy fron poker that was in that position for convenience in the

event that the necessity for Well, everybody in the room was a gen-

tleman, so the detectives had no trouble

might be caught.

So the men climbed to the root of the building in which the game was in progress, They found a skylight, but while they were fact they discovered that the skylight was fustened securely from the Inside. They sought in vain for other means of suddenly cutching the gamblers. They could find no window which led to a room which communicated with the gambling room, and so they decided that the only thing to do was to go down a rope to one of the frosted windows that opened directly into the room.

Watkins was the man who went down on the rope. A loop was formed at the end, and Watkins sat down within it. Then Smith helped him over the eaves, and began to lower him gently. In his hands Watkins

When Watkins reached a point directthe place was closed up tighter than scaling | that he had seen enough to enable him to door, wondering how in the world they down upon the window panes. They shate

"Surrender" he shouted. "T'll shoot the

The men at the table were so startled by the sound of the crashing glass, the sight "Where's your key?" asked the friendly of the two big revolvers and the detective's determined face, and the thunderous tones of the detective's voice, that not one of them moved.

Watkins climbed into the window, still keeping the men covered, went to the door, unlocked it, and stood with his back to it until Smith, with two or three policemen.

## STEAMBOATING ON THE UPPER MISSOURI IN 1865. HOW SIOUX INDIANS FIRED ON "THE BENTON."

to the new gold fields of Montana was at | its height. At that time there were no contimuous lines of railroads extending farther was either everland or by way of stemmhout on the Missouri Biver to Fort Benton, the were put bits that trade to supply the de- slow manual.

I had been a pilot on a steam ferryboat for a number of years and had formed a

On the evening of March H, 1865, we cast

goodly number of passengers and a large time we had seen but two or three strug-cargo of miscellaneous freight, nearly all of gling buffale, but none near enough for a All at once a valley of thots sounded. which was destined for the new El Dorado. | shot. There seemed to be a friendly rivalry head of navigation on that stream. This It toing early in the season, the river was

About the middle of April we arrived at | the shore. nothing more than a wilderness. At the or three hundred feet from the shore under strong desire to learn the river its entire | fort we learned that the country through | a bluff bank, which extended some twenty length. Up to this time it had been rather | which we were to pass was swarming with | or thirty feet higher than the pilot-house, difficult to secure a position, but now the hastile Indians. The Stoux wers then on I was standing at the wheel on the side large number of bonts required a large the war just against the wifter, and we farthest from the shore, while the second lummediately we seized our fiftes and at a hard shooting gun we knew from the fact | whistle was not heard again.

shot. There seemed to be a friendly rivalry clear and fond on the still morning six, of their bullets around and beyond us, among all on board as to who would kill. At first I did not realize from what di- After we had withdrawn to a caroller

fired on them, but this thought was only

MINITEEN DOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC.

In the spring of 1955 the great endgration to the new gold fields of Montana was at its height. At that time there were no conarmed. We carried a three-pound carmon, instant. The bank was hearly perpendicularly which they were completely hid from view, which was placed on the root of the host far next to the river and sloped downward. We concluded, after the first round or so ready to be used whenever occasion might as it extended host from the river to a bud been fired, that if we were farther guns appeared to carry up well for a long

West than St. Joseph, Me., glibone in St. Joseph, Me., glibone in St. Joseph, Me., glibone cur mostings at the foot of Locust to the fiver as short to the fiver as short to the fiver and steamed away up the river. The content of the same time we would be the first beat to leave St. Louis for plies, and early next Morning started out.

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again appeared, fired and dropped back as handkerebief. On examination it was found time a continuous firing of small arms; saw him raising his head above the bank serious damage than a severe bruise. The About the initials of April we arrived at the shore.

Fort Rice, Dak. a few miles below where the city of Bismarck new stands, then miles below and were running along two righted:

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In the hands of Bismarck new stands, then miles below and were running along two righted:

In the hands of the Indians that was fixed as he was taking aim. While he was rising one-half to three-quarters of an hour. After at tegular intervals which was better than I drew a bend on him and before he had It was over we picked numerous buildets Looking to the top of the bluff I saw a the rest. We could tell this particular one band of Indians peering over the brink on account of a peculiar whistle of the bulwith bows and smoking guns in their hands. lets as they passed near us. That it was firing his gun, and that peculiar bullet mementoes of my first Indian fight.

myself where I could get a full view of firing from the Judians ceased and a short. the binff without being seen, to try and time after we saw them retreating over locate the point from which this gan was the hill beyond the ravine. We could never fired. I such observed a puff of smoke arise | tell how many of them were killed or mediately disappear bebins the bank. He first valley. He wors a loose suck coat,